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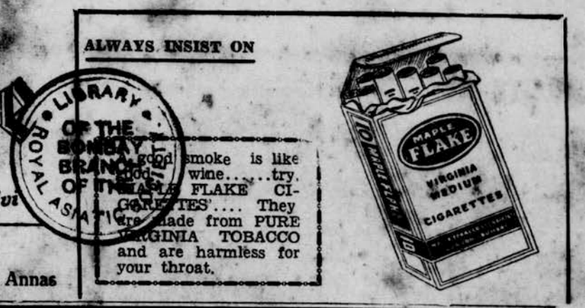
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Congress-League-Nationalist Attack On Abuse Of Defence Of India Rules

MRS. NAIDU WAS AN ANGEL OF PEACE, SAYS MR. JOSHI

NEW DELHI, February 7.

The Assembly to-day rejected by 42 votes to 40 Mr. A. C. Dutta's adjournment motion to censure Government on their order on Mrs. Sarojini Naidu directing her not to make any public speeches or issue directly or indirectly any statement to the Press or otherwise communicate her views to the public.

The Muslim League, Congress and Nationalist Parties voted for the motion.

The Independent Party voted with Government.

Suppressing The Congress?

Mr. Akhil Chandra Dutta moving the adjournment motion declared that the order was not isolated instance but part of Government's big programme of suppressing Congress. The order had been served on Mrs. Naidu he said, soon after she had repudiated on behalf of Mahatma Gandhi and other members of the Congress Working Committee charges levelled by Government against them. Government's case against Congress was that Mahatma Gandhi and others were pro-Japanese and that they were responsible for disturbances in August 1942. Mrs. Naidu who was the only member of the Working Committee out of jail and who had had occasion to know secrets of the Congress and the mind of Mahatma Gandhi had categorically stated that Mahatma Gandhi or the Working Committee had never intended a violent movement; on that these were not their instructions and that they had not chalked out a programme of that kind.

Mr. Dutta declared that the policy of Government was to separate the people from their leaders and crush the leadership of India by suppressing facts and truths and also by suppressing primary rights of citizens. He deplored the continuance of political deadlock in the country and asked how it could be solved when Government were muzzling expression of opinions by responsible leaders like Mrs. Naidu, Mahatma Gandhi or other members of the Working Committee.

"ARBITRARY".

Sir Yamin Khan (Muslim League) declared that his party could not support the sweeping order passed on Mrs. Naidu. The proper course for Government would have been to keep her imprisoned if they felt that her politics were bad or if they felt that her speeches would interfere with the prosecution of the war. The order was neither necessary nor in the interests of the safety of the country, it was not logical but arbitrary. It was a bad precedent to issue such orders restricting the liberties of the citizens of India.

Mr. Lahiri Chaudhry (Congress Nationalist) asserted that the Government had lost its dignity and prestige. Mrs. Naidu had denied the allegations of the Government against the Congress and Mahatma Gandhi and asked for an independent tribunal to be set up. But the Government were afraid of facing any court of law.

"ABUSE OF DEFENCE RULES"

Mr. G. V. Deshmukh said the order served on Mrs. Naidu was an instance of how the Defence of India Rules could be abused. Stating that the order had no parallel in the annals of any civilised Government, Mr. Deshmukh said it has been issued to protect the statements published by Government in England and America regarding the Congress. If the Government had a good case they ought have allowed Mrs. Naidu to put the Congress case and then come forward to meet her arguments with more proofs.

"ANGEL OF PEACE"

Mr. N. M. Joshi held that Government had no justification for issuing such an order. Mrs. Naidu's statement, before the order was served on her, was very helpful in maintaining Law and Order in the country. She was acting as an Angel of Peace instead of creating disturbances in the country. What the country needed to-day was a solution of the political deadlock. Mrs. Naidu had said the Government of India were wrong in accusing Mr. Gandhi of pro-Japanese sympathies. This refutation had helped the country a great deal by creating a proper idea about the attitude of the people towards Japan." we have no sympathy with Japan and Mrs. Naidue has done very well in issuing the statement. Mr Joshi added.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari referred to the political repercussions of Mrs. Naidu's statement, and said apparently Government wanted the present state of things to continue and be free to continue their propaganda against the Congress in foreign countries.

HOME MEMBER EXPLAINS

The Home Member, Sir Reginald Maxwell, at the outset made it clear that he had nothing personal against Mrs. Naidu. He did not wish to suggest either that she had in any way evaded any conditions which she had accepted at the time of her release. The Home Member emphasised that Mrs. Naidu had been released unconditionally as her health was deteriorating; but her release and her subsequent action had put the Government in a difficult and unexpected situation which they had perhaps not foreseen. He reminded the House that Mrs. Naidu was still a member of the Congress Working Committee and had been detained along with other members of the Working Committee and Mr. Gandhi in order to prevent them from launching or suppressing the mass movement sanctioned by the resolution of the All-India Congress Committee on August 8th, 1942. She remained in custody with Mr. Gandhi until some time after the fast and was then unconditionally released—he stressed the word unconditionally—because Government were given to understand at that time that there had been a serious deterioration in her health and she was incapable of taking part in political or public activity for an indefinite period. In those circumstances, the reason for her detention ceased to exist but she remained a member of an unlawful association. On January 23, without previous notice to Government she arrived in Allahabad and issued an Independence Day Appeal.

Voices: Why was notice to Government necessary? Was she bound to inform Government of her movements?

The Home Member said she was not obliged to inform Government and that was why Government did not know.

"SEDITIOUS DOCUMENT."

The Orders of Government regarding the observance of Independence Day, the Home Member went on, were directed not against Independence but against what was called the Congress Pledge, which Government had been advised legally was a seditious document. Mrs. Naidu came on to Delhi and on January 23 —she addressed a press conference (voice: what is the harm?) Her statement at the Press Conference was in the nature of a political statement in support of the action taken by Congress throughout and practically amounted to another speech on the August Resolution such as might have been delivered at the meeting of the A.I.C.C. at Bombay. It was made by a member of the Congress Working Committee which had been declared an unlawful association. There was nothing in that speech to indicate any desire to alter the situation created by the resolution; everything in that speech was such as to confirm and defend the action taken by the Congress and dissuade others from repudiating that action.

The Order passed on her, the Home Member pointed out, imposed light restrictions which were not incompatible with physical detention. It directed her not to make any public speeches or issue directly or indirectly any statement to the press or otherwise communicate her views to the public.

"This order does not prevent Mrs. Naidu from doing anything." (Laughter). If she wanted to engage in social or other activities she was free to do so. "Why should it be assumed that no one can do anything without talking (more laughter). The only thing she is prevented from doing is to talk in public."

GANDHI-SLADE CORRESPONDENCE.

Referring to non-publication of the letter said to have been written by Miss Slade to Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Gandhi's reply to it, the Home Member said that letter was written and answered long before the Congress leaders were placed in detention. If Mr. Gandhi wished to give publicity to that letter, he was at that time free to do so.

CONFIDENTIAL!

It was a confidential communication and Government saw no reason why they should undertake to publish it.

As regards refutation of the charge of pro-Japanese tendencies, the Home Member said Government had never at any time charged the Congress with being pro-Japanese. Where there was an illusion to it in the pamphlet "Congress responsibility for the disturbances" it was quoted from Mr. Nehru himself.

The Home Member cited the passage from Mrs. Naidu's statement at the Press Conference reaffirming determination to adhere to the fundamentals of the Congress position and said, that showed in unmistakable terms that the Congress was not prepared to accept any compromise. Anyone who said that that statement was calculated to liquidate the present situation was misinterpreting the words of that statement.

Messages on the Press Conference, he said, had not been allowed to go out of the country in keeping with the internal ban but there would be no stopping of any outward message with regard to this debate.

Mr. Lalchand Navalrai complained that in spite of repeated requests, Government had not revised the Defence of India Rules and put them on a reasonable basis.

GOVT.'S PAID & UNPAID AGENTS

Mr. Abdul Quaiyum, dealing with the arguments advanced by the Home Member, quoted from a statement made by the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court in which he had expressed 'utter helplessness' in the face of the sweeping and far-reaching orders which were being passed by the Executive under the Defence of India Rules. Stating that Mrs. Naidu should be judged by her action and not what she was likely to do, Mr. Abdul Quaiyum argued that her statement had helped to clear the air. Government on the other hand were using agents, paid and unpaid, to propagate scurrilous allegations against the Congress in America and other countries.

Referring to the Home Member's statement that Government had never accused the Congress of pro-Japanese sympathies, Mr. Qaiyum asked 'what is this White Paper, whose imputations and insinuations contained in it?' The real purpose of the order served on Mrs. Naidu, he said was that nobody should be permitted to speak the truth. Mr. Abdul Quaiyum also criticised the Government for not allowing news of the ban on Mrs. Naidu knowing the other side of the picture' he asked, 'You have not got the courage to bring to trial all these people whom you have detained. If you think that these people are responsible for the acts of sabotage, why don't you have them tried by British judges'?

"PUBLISH SLADE'S LETTER"

Mr. K. C. Neogy declared that Government had suppressed Miss Slade's letter to the Viceroy in which she had protested against the campaign which was being carried on against the Congress. He asked the Government why they had not published the letter. Home Member: The letter was addressed to the Viceroy and not to me). Mr. Neogy (Everybody knows what part you play in regard to the administration of the Government'). The present Government of India, he said, had tried their best to demolish the moral foundations—whatever there was—of British rule in India.

Mr. Akhil Chandra Dutta, winding up the debate, said the Home Member had misstated the position when he declared that Mrs. Naidu's statements had been in the nature of a speech on the August resolution. Again his charge that the Independence Day Pledge was a 'seditious document' was also not correct. It had been there for a long time.

The motion was pressed to a division and lost by 42 votes to 40. The House adjourned till to-morrow.

NEW BILLS

Six official bills were introduced.

The Regulation of Air Transport Services and the prohibition of the use of aircraft in such services except under a license authorising the establishment of such a service is contemplated in Sir Gurunath Bewoore's Bill further to amend the Indian Aircraft Act.

Mr. J. D. Tyson's bill seeks to provide for the creation of a fund for the improvement and development of the growing and marketing of coconuts in India.

Sir Muhammad Aziz-ul Huque in his bill to further to amend the Coffee Market Expansion Act seeks power to prosecute a dealer who sells coffee at prices higher than those fixed by the Government under the Act.

The Other bills introduced to-day were Sir Aziz-ul-Huque's Bill to amend the Indian Companies Act, Mr. C. M. G. Ogilvie's Bill to amend the Cantonments Act, and Dr. Ambedkar's Bill to amend the Coal Mines' Stowing Act.

MOVE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME

The creation of a separate portfolio under an Indian member of the Executive Council devoted exclusively to problems of war-time and of post-war economic reconstruction is urged by Mr. Ram Ratan Gupta in a resolution which has been admitted by the President of the Assembly.

The same member in other resolutions asks for the setting up of committees of official and non-official experts to examine the possibility of introduction of some rudimentary form of nationwide social security in this country and to advise Government in advance as to a scheme by which widespread unemployment may be averted after the war.—A.P.

FATE OF FIVE ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7

Five adjournment motions were disallowed either by the Chair or by the Governor-General in the Assembly to-day.

The Governor-General in a message on Mr. A. C. Datta's motion to discuss the appointment of Mr. Casey as Governor of Bengal declared that it related to a matter which was not primarily the concern of the Governor-General-in-Council.

The Chair ruled out Sardar Mangal Singh's two motions, one on the dispersal of the Mahasabha procession in Amritsar and the other on the incidents in Haripur, where a Gurdwara and a temple were burnt by an unruly mob. The Chair held they were matters within the Provincial Government's sphere.

Mr. Kailash Behari Lal attempted an adjournment motion to discuss "the disappearance of rice" from Patna and Bhagalpur as a sequel to the partial introduction on rationing. The Food Member said the Government of India were not aware of the facts but from enquiries made after receiving notice of the motion, he had been told that the facts were not as stated in the motion. Rice was still to be found in sufficient quantities in these two places. Government, however, were awaiting reports from the Provincial Government.

Mr. Kailash Behari Lal reiterated that his facts were correct and added that during a visit which he paid to Bhagalpur after giving notice of the motion he found that no rice was available in the market.

The Chair suggested that the mover should put down a question.

More Resolutions To Censure Govt.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7.

Three more adjournment motions have been tabled by members of the Legislative Assembly to-day.

Mrs. Renuka Ray seeks to raise a debate on the permission given to workmen to work under-ground in the coal mines at Jharia and other neighbouring areas.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari's motion refers to the action of the Government of India in preventing due publicity being given to statements of Congress leaders refuting the allegations made by the Government of India about the Congress and certain prominent Congressmen and shutting out all messages to countries outside India containing the refutations of such charges against the Congress by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

Mr. M. A. Kazmi seeks to censure the Government of India on its interference with the Administration of Justice by arresting lawyers who defend persons charged with political offences as exemplified by the arrest and detention of Mr. Pardiwalla at Lahore and of Pandit Baijnath, an Advocate of Agra.—A.P.

PRECENSORSHIP ON DELHI PAPERS

Adjournment Motion Ruled Out By Assembly Speaker

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7.

President ruled out Sardar Mangal Singh's adjournment motion in the Legislative Assembly to discuss the orders issued on "Hindustan Times" and the "National Call" prohibiting the publication of statements made by or attributed to Mahatma Gandhi or members of the Congress Working Committee.

Sir Reginald Maxwell, Home Member, objecting to the motion explained it was issued under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

EX-A.-I. T. U. C. CHIEF RELEASED AND RE-ARRESTED

RAJSHAHI, Feb. 7.

Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee, ex-President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, who, it is reported, was released on the expiry of his term of imprisonment, was immediately arrested under the Defence of India Rules.—United Press.

WAVELL MAY HOLD GENERAL ELECTION

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Feb 5.

There is an interesting story current here to the effect that Lord Wavell favours the holding of a general election of the Central and Provincial Legislatures.

The Viceroy may thus put the Congress power with the electorate to the test. The question of the release of National leaders however is still a subject of fierce debate.

It is believed that the Viceroy favours the return of constitutional Governments in all provinces.

The present Provincial Governments however, are opposed to the proposed scheme.

DETENU JUMPS FROM HOSPITAL WINDOW, DIES

Rajaram Parmeshwar, a detenu in Worli Temporary Prison, it was stated, jumped out of a window from the second floor of the Podar Hospital Worli on Saturday night. He died yesterday morning.

Rajaram, it is said, was ailing for the last few days and he was removed to the hospital on February 3.

A policeman who was keeping guard over him, tried to prevent him from jumping out but failed. The deceased suddenly became delirious on Saturday morning and in the night he jumped out of the window which was in his room in the hospital.

Mrs. Naidu For Bombay

CALCUTTA, Feb 7.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu left this evening for Bombay —A. P

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu inspecting this morning the Children's Home run by the All-India Women's Conference at Entally.

Lady Rama Rao, Mrs. Urmila Mehta, Miss Gladdy Sowen and others have left for Dacca via Chandpur to study the situation and inspect the relief work of the All-India Women's Conference there.—United Press.

SHIVDAS DAGA ON PAROLE

NAGPUR, Feb. 7.

Seth Shivdas Daga, M.L.A. (Central), who was a detenu in Vellore Jail, was released on a parole of twenty days from February 2. He reached Raipur, his home town, on Saturday.—United Press.

FOUR DESTITUTES DIE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7.

Yesterday there were 23 new admissions and four deaths of sick destitutes in different hospitals in Calcutta and suburbs. Seven such persons were discharged during the day

NEW DELHI, Feb 7.

Two ships carrying over 16,000 tons of wheat from abroad are reported to have arrived in India during the past week.—A. P.

Cricket At Poona

Rest Of India Make 538

POONA, Feb. 7.

Rest of India were all out for 538 (Bannerjee 109) in to-day's Festival Cricket match against Indian States.

Fifteen minutes before the draw of stumps, the Indian States went in for their second knock and when stumps were drawn for the day, the pair Prithviraj and Adhikari were together with the score at 31 for no wicket. Prithviraj batting 21, Adhikari batting 9).—A.P.

Surprise Attack On Japs At Home

Aboard a United States destroyer in the North Pacific: Feb. 7:

United States warships bombarded the Japanese at home for the first time on Friday, taking the Japanese by surprise.

The bombardment lasted about twenty minutes, said an "Associated Press" correspondent aboard a destroyer. The harbour and land installations at Kurabu point on the southern tip of Paramushiro Island were battered. This island is at the northern end of the Kuriles group.

The attacking force in bright moonlight steamed to within five miles of the Japanese shore batteries. The Japanese gunners first fired into the air, then along their own beaches and at the Pacific ocean and the sea of Ohkotsk.

The U. S. force was under the command of Rear-Admiral Wilder Baker.

Washington Communique

WASHINGTON.—The Navy Department 'communique' says: "NORTH PACIFIC: At 22-00 hours on February 4, Tokyo Time, United States naval surface units bombarded enemy installations on the south and east coasts of Paragmushirou. A number of fires, were started and one unidentified enemy ship was hit and breached. Enemy coastal guns returned the fire, but the United States ships sustained no damage. During the same night a flight of our aircraft bombed Paramushirou and Shimushu. All United States planes returned."

Short Cut To Tokio?

LONDON, Feb. 7: The Japanese News Agency to-day quoted the Tokio newspaper "Yomiuri Hochi" as saying that the Allies are preparing for an attack on the Kurile Islands, some 800 miles north of Tokio.

The paper added: "By such an attack the enemy is apparently hoping to reach Japan quicker than by way of Rabaul and Marshall Islands.

The enemy's North Pacific fleet has been reinforced recently and more than 100,000 specially trained United States troops are now stationed in the Aleutians".

Jungle City Captured

SYDNEY, Feb. 7: United States marines in their three-pronged drive in western New Britain have captured the Head Quarters of Lieutenant-General Natsuda, according to a report reaching here to-day from New Britain.

The Headquarters formed a complete jungle city with miles of paths, large mess halls and luxurious administrative buildings which were the nerve centre for the Japanese in that part of New Britain. The jungle city surrendered without much resistance—an indication of the growing difficulties of the Japanese.

The Japanese had not even set time bombs or laid booby traps. But they did leave large stocks of beer, looted from Philippines, margarine from Batavia, as well as English and Australian food, inks and toilet requisites. The booty suggested that native carriers deserted Natsuda who had to travel light in order to escape.

American trained Alsatian wolfhounds are now sniffing through the area searching for lone Japanese in hiding.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

ON SOVIET FRONTS

MOSCOW, Feb. 7: To-night's Soviet 'communique' states: "To-day south of Siverski our troops made a fighting advance and occupied several inhabited places. North and north-west of Novosokolniki our troops continued to fight offensive engagements and occupied over eighty inhabited localities.

North of Zhvenigorodka and Shpola our troops continued to fight for the annihilation of German groupings and still further tightened the encircling ring and captured five inhabited localities.

In the Dnieper Bend our troops continued to wage battles for the annihilation of the enemy group cut off in the area of Nikopol and in the fighting occupied several inhabited localities. Our troops have closed in on the town of Nikopol from the east and engaged the enemy on the outskirts of the Town."—Reuter.

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LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (March)

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.

Previous Closing	20.35
To-day's Opening	20.36
Difference	+.01
To-day's Closing	20.43
Difference	+.08

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.

New York opening stocks:
General Motors $52-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining $24-7/8.
U. S. Steel Corpn $51-7/8.
U. S. Steel Pref $121.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7.

The market ruled slightly easier after the week-end but the volume of business remained large. Government securities were unchanged.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR.

MADRAS, Feb. 7.

Sugar and breweries Deccan big 40 dol. do small 80/8, India sugar 23/8, Mysore sugar 66, South India 12/12 Travancore 16/12

RATE OF SALES TAX DOUBLED

By 97 to 54 votes the Bengal Legislative Assembly passed to-day the Bengal Finance (Sales Tax) amendment bill introduced by the Finance Minister, Mr. T.C. Goswami the Bill seeks to double the present rate of Sales Tax of 3 pies in a rupee It however, provides for exemption of "poormen's cloth."—A. P.

RED ARMY KNOCKS AT NARVA INSIDE ESTONIA

German Forces Caught In Shpola Trap Asked To Surrender: Soviet Thrust Down Buzuluk River

MOSCOW, Feb. 7.

The Russians have penetrated into the eastern suburbs of Narva on the east bank of the river which runs immediately west of the Estonian frontier, says Reuter's special correspondent.

SOVIET THRUST IN NIKOPOL AREA

BERLIN.—To-day's German 'communique' said that the Russians continued their attacks in the Nikopol area with strong forces.

Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow cables:

The Russian tank spear-head pushing forward throughout the night has almost closed the German escape gap west of Nikopol. Thrusting down from Ivanovka, the Soviet forces are now only eight miles from the Dnieper, 25 miles west of Nikopol. A third gap in the Dnieper area is about to snap tight. General Koniev is reported to have sent an ultimatum to the German forces in the Shpola trap to surrender.

GUERILLA'S ACTIVE

Reports reaching "Pravda" state that Russian guerillas are operating inside the ring of the trapped ten German divisions. A huge haul of German cars and lorries, as well as hundreds of guns, has been made by the Third Ukrainian front troops. The booty which has so far been counted includes over 5,000 cars and lorries and nearly 1,000 guns. In Apostolovo alone the German abandoned 45 tanks, 130 guns and 15 mobile guns, including four Ferdinands, 3,000 cars and lorries, 14 railway engines and many goods wagons.

The Russians are thrusting down the valley of the Buzuluk River which flows into the Dnieper twenty miles west of Nikopol. The main road and only railway line linking Nikopol with the west, crosses the Buzuluk River twelve miles north of the Dnieper. Soviet tanks and tommy gunners have already straddled this railway and road. A narrow gap below them is impassable for any large number of troops since it is flat lowlying ground near the Dnieper banks and large area of it are under water following exceptionally heavy thaw.—Reuter.

Ibn Saud Approves U. S. Oil Line Plan?

CAIRO, Feb. 7.

King Ibn Saud is reported unofficially to be about to approve the United States Government proposal to build a 1,250 miles long pipeline from the Persian Gulf to an eastern Mediterranean Port. As a result, Anglo-Egyptian oilfields one sterling issue were in heavy demand in Cairo to-day by commercial interests at 104 shillings after an initial jump to 108 shillings which showed a slight decline on no confirmation from Alexandria that Alexandria would be the terminus of the line.

It is recalled in Cairo that the recent Rocce Mission to Saudi Arabia included an oil expert and considerable interest is now attached to the tour of the United States and Great Britain made by Princes Feisal and Khalid.

The oil project dovetails with massive plans to develop the Middle East post-war world.—Reuter.

Editors' Conference Standing Committee

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President, All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, has nominated Mr. Abdur Rahman Siddiqi, Editor, "Morning News" Calcutta, Mr. J. S. Karandikar, Editor, "The Kesari" Poona, and Mr. H. B. Catley, Editor, "The Pioneer", Lucknow, as members of the Standing Committee of the A.I.N.E. Conference for the current year.—United Press.

DEVASTATING RAIDS ON HELSINKI

Finnish Capital Set Ablaze By Soviet Bombers

LONDON, Feb. 6.

The Finnish News Agency quoted by the German News Agency reports that Helsinki was violently attacked by strong enemy air formations on Sunday evening. "Large quantities of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on several parts of the town."

The Swedish radio said to-night, "Helsinki has been exposed to a heavy air raid. Formations of bombers dropped a large number of high explosives and incendiaries in various parts of the town. So far no information is available as to the extent of damage or the number of casualties in killed and wounded."

Phone Communications Cut Off

STOCKHOLM: Private reports to the "Svenska Dagbladet" said that Russian bombers raided Helsinki.

The attack was "devastating and the whole city is still burning with a choking cloud of smoke drifting out to the sea", the reports said.

The raid went on about two and a half hours as wave after wave of bombers came over dropping all types of bombs. A great number of buildings were burnt out and ships destroyed, the reports stated, adding: "Since 6-5 p.m. it has been impossible to communicate with the Capital."

Sirens were sounded in other cities.

All Helsinki-Sweden telephones are cut, says Reuter's special correspondent who adds:

"I learn from a reliable source that the town has been and is being bombed. The raid is very severe and damage very great. Strict censorship is in force at Helsinki."

Another Alarm

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The German Overseas News Agency stated to-day: "A second air-raid alarm was sounded in Helsinki shortly after midnight Swedish press correspondents who were able to contact their papers after the first raid when telephone communications with Sweden were resumed, have not yet been able to report on this second alert as telephone lines have been cut again."

Finnish Statement

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7.—The Finnish Legation here announced this morning that Helsinki was raided for a second time just after midnight. The raid was not so severe as the first.

The official Finnish 'communique' quoted by the Swedish News Agency said that over two hundred planes made two raids on Helsinki causing widespread damage and numerous fires. The Russians also bombed other parts of Southern Finland

Moscow Reports Raid

The Moscow Radio said on Monday night: During the night of February 6 a large group of our bombers carried out a mass raid on Helsinki. Military and industrial objectives were bombed, including a railway junction, harbour and the Central part of the city. According to reports by our pilots 30 fires were started which were followed by strong explosions. Large fires were observed in the areas of gasometers, military barracks, power station, railway station and depot.—Reuter.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Religion as the interpretation of Life cannot be said to have no connection with science, but its province is merely to encourage it and to leave it untramelled and free. It is concerned with its progress and with the use that is made of the results achieved by it, so that it benefits the whole of mankind and in fact all God's creatures"
—Maulana Mahomed Ali.

The Bombay Chronicle

A MORAL VICTORY

The Budget Session of the Central Assembly, which commenced yesterday, seems likely to give rise to several warm debates in spite of the absence of the Congress Party. The Railway Budget, which will be presented next week, is expected to show again a huge surplus but it will come in for much criticism with regard to the reported proposal to raise the railway fares by 25 per cent. Such a high increase in the face of a big surplus seems calculated mainly to check railway travel, though additional income will always be welcome to the Railway Board. The rise is justified by some on the ground that it will check inflation, a dangerous argument which may be used to justify the raising price of every public utility. Why not say straightforwardly that Government want to acquire more money for war by all possible means, regardless of the interests of the poor people? As regards the General Budget the press reports are more or less speculative, but it is clear that there will be more borrowing and more taxing, Government having unlimited power to do both. One can only hope there will be no addition to the miseries of the poor that may have managed to survive the last year of terrible scarcity.

Before the budgets are presented there will be some lively talk about the many adjournment motions, resolutions and questions, more or less connected with Congress politics. Some of the motions may, as usual, be disallowed, if only because that is so convenient to Government. But when brought to bay, the officials concerned will skulk behind the familier formula that Government are satisfied that what was done or is being done is all right and that to say more on the subject is not in public interest. Even in normal times constitutionally irresponsible Governments are little more regardful of the rights of the legislature than are Dictators. Now "war conditions" are supposed by them to be a safe excuse for all sins of omission and commission. However, the rejection on Monday by only 42 votes to 40 of Mr. A. C. Dutta's adjournment motion to censure Government on their restrictions on Mrs. Naidu is a decisive moral victory for the legislature. For if the official gramophone votes are deducted, the voting is a clear majority for the motion. Government may continue to say they have the legal right—that is, might—to impose any ban upon anybody they like but they can no longer pretend that the wanton restrictions on Mrs. Naidu are approved by the legislature or the public. It is a shame that the so-called Independent Party voted with Government on such a subject. The Muslim League Party, on the contrary, deserves to be congratulated on its decision to condemn the frivolous bans on Mrs. Naidu. Let us hope this appreciation of the liberty of speech will continue to be in evidence throughout in the Assembly.

Indefensible

Sardar Mangal Singh's adjournment motion to discuss the pre-censorship orders served on "Hindustan Times" and the "National Call" was ruled out. The Associated Press report does not mention the ground on which the motion was ruled out excepting that Sir Reginald Maxwell objecting to the motion explained that the ban was issued under the Defence of India Rules. Surely it is not suggested that the Legislature which enacted the Defence of India Act cannot call into question any action taken by the Executive under rules framed under it? It is, to say the least, most unfortunate that a most high-handed ban imposed by the Executive goes unchallenged by the Legislature. The ban constitutes a gross violation of the agreement arrived at between the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference and the Government It is doubly obnoxious because it restricts even freedom of comment despite repeated assurances given by Sir Reginald Maxwell himself that Government had no intention of subjecting editorial comments to any restrictions. The order is indefensible from any point of view and we are not surprised that the Home Member dared not justify it in the Assembly and was driven to take refuge in a technical objection.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Russia & Finland

The terrific punishment which Helsinki has received at the hands of Russian bombers is bound to give the Finns as well as their Government a very great shock and to make them pause and reflect on the wisdom of their still linking their fortunes with those of the Germans, whose star, they must be realising by now, is clearly on the decline. The severity of the raid is probably meant to give a final warning to the Finns to make up their mind as to whether they would cease their hostilities and come to terms with Russia or whether they would prefer to "sink or swim" with their Nazi friends. It is a matter of the utmost regret that the Finns, who by nature are a peace-loving, hardy and culturally advanced people, were grievously misled by pro-Nazi elements among themselves into declaring war on Russia and ranging themselves on the side of the Germans. They must be rueing the fact bitterly now. Their only salvation lies in getting rid of those politicians who have grossly betrayed their country and in setting up a new Government which will call an immediate end to the hostilities against Russia.

A War Prophecy

It is not necessary to imagine that Mr. F. D. Roosevelt (Jr.), who has hazarded the opinion that the European war will be over by October, is in any specially privileged position which enables him to know the mind and plans of the Allies. It is a view which will suggest itself to any careful observer of the progress of war on the many fronts of the European theatre—provided, of course, certain factors which have been foreshadowed by responsible Allied quarters materialise without any hitch. Among these factors the most vital are the magnitude and timing of the blow that is to be delivered at the heart of Nazidom by the invasion of Europe. If the invading forces will be truly overwhelming in numbers, both on land and in the air, and if the invasion should materialise at least before the end of April, one does not see why the collapse of the Nazi military machine should not become a *fait accompli* within the next six months at the latest. The Germans are already almost on the run in every sector of their eastern front, and once they are cleared out of Russian soil, the Balkan cauldron, which is steadily rising in temperature day by day, will surely boil over, compelling the Germans to seek refuge in their own homeland. They will no doubt show fight, but by the time the real battle of the homeland commences, the morale of both the army and the civilian population would be so strained that it is bound to crack as hopelessly in a few weeks as did the morale of the German troops and civil population during the final stage of the last war. The materialisation of such a debacle should not be difficult of accomplishment, if the Allied plans for the final battle of the war are truly on the scale that the world has been led to expect they will be.

"Kizhariyur Case"

We publish elsewhere an appeal issued by the "Kizhariyur Conspiracy Case" Defence Committee of Calicut. Dr. K. B. Menon, Secretary of the All-India Civil Liberties' Union and the All-India States Peoples' Conference, along with 31 others are accused of serious crimes in connection with the disturbances in Malabar following the arrest of the Congress leaders in August, 1942. The case, which is still in the committal stage, has been going on for about six weeks. It is expected the trial may last two to three months before the Sessions court. The case is, indeed, of huge dimensions and, as the Defence Committee says, it is beyond the ability of individuals to organise and conduct proper defence. In the present conditions in Malabar, where the struggle for existence has assumed tragic proportions, it is obvious, sufficient funds cannot be raised. And those, who have the good work and achievements of the Bombay Legal Aid Committee before them as an example, will not fail to realise the necessity of enabling the Calicut Committee to organise efficient defence of the accused in the "Kizhariyur Conspiracy Case." We, therefore, endorse the Committee's appeal for public support and we have no doubt the response from the generous public of Bombay will be prompt and adequate.

Poor Excuses

Replying to the charge levelled against the Sind Ministry that it was not releasing the Congress M.L.A.'s so as to make its position secure, Mr. M. H. Gazdar, Home Minister, said that the policy regarding the detention of political prisoners was determined by the Government of India. But one would like to know if the Sind Ministry has approved of the policy and, if not, what attempts it has made to have it relaxed. The Home Minister further pointed out that even in those provinces where popular ministries did not function no steps had been taken for the release of Congress M.L.A's. This is a poor excuse, indeed. Something better is expected from a popular responsible Government than from constitutionally irresponsible regime of Advisers.

Sophia College Disaffiliation

We the Catholic students of Sophia College wish to state that the accusation of proselytising activity made against our college authorities is entirely without foundation.

Our Christian doctrine lectures are solely for Catholics. Any Catholic principles which may have been explained during the course of other lectures, were absolutely necessary to elucidate the subject in hand. It has been rumoured that the Reading Club meetings which this year have been devoted to Dante's 'Divine Comedy', are an occasion of proselytising activity. We should like to point out that Dante as a subject of study was the choice of the students. Since we decided to make a study of foreign literature, the two authors that immediately suggested themselves to us were Goethe and Dante; whereupon the majority of the members voted for the latter. Any student whether Catholic or non-Catholic who is a member of the Club can readily verify the fact.

It has also been stated that the Religious of the Sacred Heart being Europeans, introduce a foreign element into our education; but we assure you that most of us have become more conscious of our Indian heritage and culture since we have come into contact with these nuns. It is always the nuns who first suggest that we should have Indian items for all our entertainments. At present we are drawing up a programme which is exclusively Indian, consisting of dancing, singing, tableaux for Principal's Day. Last year for the same event, we staged a Tagore Academy. One of the most enthusiastic associations in our College is the Bharata Bhakti Sangh which seeks to foster our knowledge and love for our country.

If the University has the interest of its students at heart, it will be doing the greatest injustice and disservice to the Women students of Bombay if it disaffiliates Sophia College.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS OF SOPHIA COLLEGE.

"PRIVATE LIVES" AT EXCELSIOR

Following on the four days' show of Ram Gopal and his troupe at the Excelsior—a show intended primarily for Indian toops—ENSA are presenting Noel Coward's best known play "Private Lives" from to-day for three days only at the same Theatre.

The ENSA Repertory Company, who are putting on the play arrived from England only three weeks ago. They are all actors and actresses of considerable experience. Joanna Duncan, who plays the part of Sybil has recently played all over the United States from Blackler's New York to U.S. Army Camps in the deep south. Doreen Lawrence—Amanda in the play—has been in repertory for some years now, the last two being with ENSA.

Philip Ashley-Locie Mannheim's partner in "The Last Show" and Richard Caldicot of "Journey's End" fame need no introducing to regular theatre goers, while producer Captain Hawkins is that same Jack Hawkins who, before he joined the army, was gaining such a reputation with John Gielgud.

Protest Against "Painting In Islam"

The Hon. Secretary of the Anjumani Tableegh-i-Sadaqat writes:—

"The Anjumani Tableegh-i-Sadaqat at Rehmat Manzil, Kambekar Street, Chhach Moholla, Bombay, 3, is in receipt of a book called "Painting in Islam", by Sir Thomas W. Arnold, C.I.E., F.B.A., printed in England at Oxford University Press by John Johnson, Printer to the University. The said book contains illustrations of Prophet Mohammed, his companions and other prophets and saints of Islam. These illustrations are highly objectionable and provocative and hurt the religious feelings of the Mussalmans very deeply. The book in question is lying in the above office and is open for the public to see between 9-30 to 10-30 p.m. (N.S.T.). The Anjuman, therefore, supported by the Mussalmans and the Jamiat-ul-Ulmai (Qadeem) Bombay, protests against the book and earnestly wish that the same should be circulated through the press so that there may be an immediate order for the seizure of the copies of the said book and declare them forfeited". The Commissioner of Police, Bombay and the Secretary to the Government of Bombay are also informed of the same.

Federal Court Orders Release Of Appellants

Plea For Squashing Of Proceedings For "Lack Of Jurisdiction" In Insurance Case

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7.

The Federal Court to-day upheld the validity of Section 107 of the Insurance Act in the case in which Kunwar Raghbar Singh and two others appealed against their conviction and sentence of six months' R.I. and fine of Rs. 500/- each imposed by the lower court.

It was contended on behalf of the appellants that Section 107 of the Insurance Act was 'ultra vires' as it contravened the provisions of Section 49 (2) of the Government of India Act in so far as it sought to delegate power to sanction the institution of proceedings under the Insurance Act to a provincial officer, namely, the Advocate-General of a Province.

CENTRAL GOVT.'S POWERS

Their Lordships in their concurrent judgment held that there was no basis in the suggestion that merely because an offence is created by an enactment of the Central Legislature, the Provincial authorities have no power to enforce Criminal Law or institute prosecution for such an offence. They also held that under Section 124 (2) of the Constitution, the Central Government have the power to impose the duty of sanctioning prosecution on a provincial officer. They held that, in their judgment, there was no substance in any of the points raised on the construction of the Constitution Act.

ON MERITS OF CASE

But on the merits of the case, Their Lordships held that the sanction given by the Advocate-General of the United Provinces was not good in law, as, from the materials placed before them, were led to conclude that sanction could only apply to certain offences which were committed before the Insurance Act came into force and had no application to the charge on which the accused were actually convicted. It was the duty of the prosecution when the validity of the sanction was challenged by the Defence, to prove that the sanction covered the actual charges on which proceedings were instituted, as this question must go to the jurisdiction of the court.

The prosecution claimed privilege for the actual application for sanction to the Advocate-General. Under section 107 of the Insurance Act, a valid previous sanction by the Advocate-General was essential to the jurisdiction of the Court to entertain proceedings under the Act and for the reasons they had indicated, Their Lordships held that there was no valid sanction to the proceedings in which the appellants were convicted.

APPEAL ALLOWED

Their Lordships therefore allowed the appeal and directed the case to be remitted to the Chief Court of Oudh and declared that in place of the conviction recorded against the appellants, an order should be made squashing the proceedings for lack of jurisdiction. They also directed that the appellants should be released from their bail and fines, if paid, should be refunded. They made no order as to costs.—A.P.

SPASMODIC GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Headquarters in North Africa cables:

There has been a number of spasmodic German attacks in the Anzio beachhead area, but all have been repulsed. Some German infantry tanks and artillery which were forming for a counter-attack against the British two miles north of Carroceto (Aprilia) were dispersed by shellfire. The British have taken 300 more prisoners.

INITIAL GERMAN SUCCESS

The Germans had initial success on Saturday evening with a slashing counter-attack against the Americans three miles west of Cisterna, using infantry and tanks. The Americans counter-attacked fiercely and restored the position in bitter night fighting. This battle took place just south of the German railway fortification line. Another German division has been identified in the beachhead area. It is the 715th Infantry Division which has been rushed up from Southern France. This makes elements of four divisions and a brigade already officially identified.

DING-DONG BATTLE CONTINUES

The ding-dong battle is continuing in the north and north-western sectors of the Cassino front, but the Americans are gradually working their way westwards. Every advance they make increases the threat to the Rome Road from which they are at present less than a mile away.

The 'Luftwaffe' raided American positions four times. American troops who captured a hill on the western edge of Cassino, were later driven from it. Further westward they battled to within a few hundred yards of the crest of the 1600 foot Abdey Hill, mastery on which is still held by the Germans.

On the Garigliano sector British forces beat off a German patrol north of Sujo. Two villages were occupied by the Eighth Army in lightly held area between Casoli and San Angelo. The mountain line here was recently advanced but no fighting occured.

To-day's Allied 'communique' states: "The Eighth Army troops advanced and occupied the towns of Pizzofferrato and Montenerodomo.

Pizzofferrato on the inland sector is on a 4,000 foot mountain near the road from Marina San Vito to Castel di Sangro, about 55 miles from the Adriatic. Montenerodomo is four miles south of Torricella, about 20 miles from the Adriatic. It is on the top of another 4,000 foot mountain."

"HIMMLER'S OWN" IN ACTION

Back in their lines west of Isterna the Germans are pausing after the repulse of all counter-attacks in all sectors of the Pointine beachhead. In their bid to throw back the Allies into the sea Kesselring has called on some of the finest soldiers in the Reich, Reichesfuehrer S.S. "Himmler's Own." He has not only failed in his object, but his losses have not been light.

Although north of Carroceto German tanks got across the Anzio-Albano Road and cut off British advanced units, the British in their withdrawal badly mauled the enemy and took a number of prisoners. Allied anti-tank gunners smashed five panzers of the Crack 26th Division. On the right flank of this sector the Germans are working like beavers to strengthen their defence positions which are partly based on the railway embankment of the Rome-Capua line, said Reuter's special correspondent.

BATTLE FOR CASSINO

The battle for the fortress town of Cassino, the pivot of the Gustav Line, still rages.

The Germans, although almost encircled, are still bringing up fresh reserves, said the Algiers radio last night. A Reuter cable from Allied Headquarters said that the savage street fighting is even more desperate than it was at Ortona. Tanks and infantry of both sides are matching their skill and daring in the seesaw battle for every house.—Reuter.

H. M. I. S. "QUETTA" LAUNCHED

Designed For Anti-Submarine Escort And Patrol

SOMEWHERE IN INDIA:—With traditional Indian ceremony, another vessel for the Royal Indian Navy, H.M.I.S. 'Quetta' was launched recently at an Indian port by Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas.

H.M.I.S. 'Quetta' is designed for anti-submarine escort and patrol duties as well as mine-sweeping, and her hull and much of her machinery have been constructed of Indian materials.

Among those present at the ceremony were Captain E. R. Corson, Deputy Director-General of Shipbuilding and Repairs, and other naval officers, and Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Mr. Walchand Hirachand, Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand and Mr. Shantikumar N. Morarjee. Before he named the vessel, Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, using vermilion, saffron and other customary materials, painted on her port bow the Indian swastika, age-old Hindu emblem of good fortune, over which rice and flowers were sprinkled. Two Indian ladies then brought him a cocoanut on a silver tray, and breaking it on the bow, he launched the vessel amid the acclamation of the guests and workmen.

In a speech after the ceremony, Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas said that at this juncture, when not only the British Commonwealth but also the world was faced with a great crisis, it was but proper that the firm that had built H.M.I.S. 'Quetta' should make its contribution towards defeating the enemy of the better part of humanity. For them to have made that contribution by constructing this ship, which was built under Indian management in that port in spite of various difficulties was a matter of which every Indian and naturally every resident of the city should feel proud. He expressed the hope that the firm would continue to prosper more and more and to carry out more of such work, thus fulfilling all its national aspirations.

Mr. Walchand Hirachand thanked Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas for performing the ceremony.—A.P.

WHEN WILL WAR END?

Shavian Prediction

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 7.

The war will end when the interest over capital returns to 5 per cent said Mr. Bernard Shaw when I asked him about his forthcoming book, "Everybody's political What's What".

Mr. Shaw says: "History shows wars have always broken out when money was cheap, say as low as 2 1/2 per cent. Then capital begins to destroy its own products. There are such instances as of burning wheat and coffee. Then we get a destructive war. Destruction is so vast that it increases the value of capital. We are now getting back to the point where interest is again nearing five per cent. I am not in favour of a continuous rate of 5 per cent interest on capital as it means preventing wars."

Mr. Shaw has not any plans for preventing wars. Neither does he intend at 87 of giving up working.

He said: "most people at my age are happy enough to sit back and relax in front of the fire but if there is one thing I dread most it is relaxing with nothing to do".

Mr. Shaw still rises at 7-30 a.m. and walks before breakfast, has two hours' sleep in the afternoon and retires about 9-30 p.m.

Chief Agents Appeal To Privy Council

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Divatia)

Sorabji Dhunjibhoy Medora and Another .. Appellants (Original Plaintiffs)

vs.

The Oriental Life Assurance Co. Ltd. .. Respondents (Original Defendants)

This was an application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council from a decree of the Court of Appeal passed on 18th November last in a suit claiming Rs. 19,14,000/- as damages for wrongful termination of the appellants' chief agency of the respondent company for Gujrat.

Their Lordships were of opinion that the appeal involved a substantial question of law and granted the necessary leave to appeal to the Privy Council. His Lordship the Chief Justice commented adversely on the prolix affidavit put in on behalf of the respondent company and observed that in future such affidavits would involve penalty by way of costs.

The Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer and Mr. V. F. Taraporewala instructed by Messrs. Little & Co. instructed for the appellants.

Mr. M. V. Desai instructed by Messrs. Ardeshir Jamnadi Dinshaw & Co. appeared for the respondent company.

MEDICAL STUDENTS' GRIEVANCES

The Jt. Hon. Secretary of the "First Medical Students' Conference" writes:—

The students of the Grant Medical and G. S. Medical Colleges are organising the "First Medical Students' Conference", with the blessing and kind co-operation of the members of the staffs of the two institutions.

Dr. G. V. Deshmukh has kindly consented to preside over the Conference which will be held in the Anatomy Theatre of the Grant Medical College, J. J. Hospital, at 12-30 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday).

Need For Change

"India requires seven lakhs of Doctors and to-day there are only about 42,000. In England there is one Doctor for 700 persons, while in India the ratio is one to 10,000." So said Mr. M. R. Masani, the popular Mayor of Bombay, the other day.

There is thus no denying the fact that the need for Doctors is urgent and pressing. It is notorious that Medical Examinations the world over are a difficult hurdle to clear for the average student. The University of Bombay has, however, had a record which is absolutely unmatched and is by far the worst.

Most people are not aware that the medical student in Bombay has to appear at one sitting at the Final Examination for seven subjects in Theory and Practicals. This system is a pernicious one and does not exist in any other University the world over. There the various subjects are reasonably spaced out and the average student stands a fair chance of success.

It is to be borne in mind, moreover, that the average student is destined to become a general practitioner and the number who become specialists and consultants is very small indeed. One would have therefore thought that the authorities would make it their duty to give average medical student a thorough grounding in Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, which form the basis of the healing arts of the general practitioner.

In its spasmodic efforts at so-called reforms, the University has introduced the dual system of examination wherein there are two different sets of examiners for the same subject—one for theory and the other for Practicals, this system produced dire results at the last examinations and only seven students got through the whole Final Examination out of 90 who appeared for the first time. It is difficult to believe that out of the first 52 students only one was successful. Besides, about 40 failed by a mark or two in some subjects and not one of them was graced.

Thus the University has for the first time in its history violated the fundamental and universally-observed practice of grading students who fail by a small margin.

Something should therefore, be done to bring home to the University the iniquity of the present system.

Medical Council's Concern

The resolution passed at a meeting of the Bombay Medical Council, with the President, Major-General Candy Surgeon General with the Government of Bombay, in the chair in this connection will be of interest. The following was moved from the Chair and agreed to:—

"The Bombay Medical Council is greatly concerned at the large number of failures in the Professional Examinations of the University of Bombay as compared to other Universities and requests the University to look into the matter."

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Sardar Mangal Singh: "Did the Government of India send any report about the number of deaths in Bengal to His Majesty's Government?"

The Food Member: "As I have stated, we have no definite figures yet."

Sardar Mangal Singh: "On what basis did the Secretary of State make his statement in the Commons?"

The Food Member: "We do not know how the figures given by the Secretary of State were obtained. (A voice: Probably American correspondents gave them).

—Assembly proceedings.

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Lieut. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Junior, is back in the United States, and in a press interview, expressed his personal opinion that the European war would be over by October.

We hope he is able to inject his father with his optimism.

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Wine-dealers have been authorised "to adopt a scheme of rationing in favour of their old and genuine customers."

Before getting a peg or a pint will they have to produce evidence of habitual drunkenness?

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This year, too it is speculated, "the Finance Member will leave a certain amount of deficit uncovered."

But will he also leave uncovered (as usual) the back of the taxpower!

An all-round increase of 25 per cent in railway fares is "expected to deflate the currency".

And also deflate the already deflated travelling public!

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Excise duty on sugar may also be increased.

How sweet of the Finance Member!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague).

(1) *Lord Wavell is going to hold a general election in India while Congressmen are in jail—can you beat this howler?*

(2) *Election booths will be set up in jails and the imprisoned leaders will be given the fullest opportunity to exercise their franchise—to vindicate Democracy, etc. etc.*

(3) *If (and when) any of the leaders in prisons are elected to the legislatures, the Government will hold the Assembly sessions in jails to enable them to take part in the deliberations.*

(4) *If the Congress gains majority, the Ministers will carry on their work—from jails!*

(5) *"Bombay Government Home Department—Camp Office Yerawada Jail" or similar legends will be printed on the official letter-heads.*

(6) *The fact that even prisoners, etc. can become Ministers under British rule will be the final vindication of Britain's claim to have brought democracy to India.*

The Story of Tea No. 2

Young tea plants being planted in a Darjeeling garden.

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Brooke Bond

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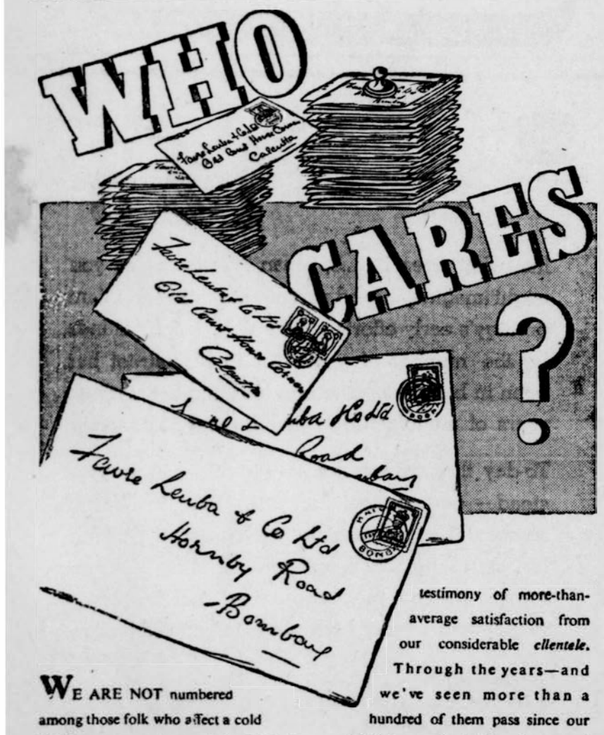

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TO-DAY

Hindu: Magh Shud 15, 2000.
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Parsi: Shehrever 7, 1313.
Sunrise: 8-12 a.m., Sunset 7-34 p.m.
Hightide: 0-04, 11-48.
Lowtide 6-12, 17-38.

Municipal Improvements Committee: 2-30 p.m. (B.T.)

Wilson Philological Lectures: Principal V. K. Gokak on "Language of Poetry, magic and mysticism" 6 p.m. at University School of Economics & Sociology.

To-day's Engagements

NAYAR SAMAJ, BOMBAY: Nadaswaram performance by Ambalapuzha Brothers at 9 p.m. at Vincent Sports Club, Dadar (G.I.P.), Bombay.

GUMASTA CONFERENCE: Propaganda meeting to-day (Tuesday) 9-30 P.M. at the 5th Lane, Mangaldas Market Sjt. Samaldas Gandhi will preside.

BOMBAY BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE: Cheques delivered during the week ending 4th February, 1944, were: Number of cheques 1,50,114; Amount of cheques Rs. 41,33,56,419-4-0.

THEOSOPHIST'S LECTURE: Mr. N. Sri Ram, Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, will speak at 6 p.m. (S.T.) in the Vimadalal Bilia Lodge, next to Sorab Palankot Hall, Dadar.

SHRI RAMACHANDRA BHAJANA SAMAJ, DADAR: To-day being Thaipoosam, Rudrabhishekam in the morning and Paanaka Poojai in the evening. Deeparadhanai at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.)

"MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS": Discussion in Anatomy Theatre of the Grant Medical College at 8-30 p.m. on "Are Medical Examinations of the University of Bombay as at present conducted, a fair test of medical education." Dr. R. N. Cooper will preside.

Hailstorm Over Bankura

A severe hailstorm passed over Bankura, says a report received here. Several thatched and brick-built houses are reported to have been damaged.—United Press.

KIZHARIYUR CONSPIRACY CASE

Defence Committee's Appeal

In a public appeal the Kizhariyur Conspiracy Case Defence Committee, says:

"You might have heard of what is known as the "Kizhariyur Conspiracy Case" in which 32 of our young men, including Dr. K. B. Menon, Secretary of the All-India Civil Liberties Union, are standing their trial for serious offences like conspiracy, manufacture of bombs and other explosive substances and sabotage. Many of these are ardent and selfless workers in the Nationalist cause. There are many among the accused, who are not in a position to command sufficient funds for the proper conduct of their defence.

The case has been proceeding from the 20th of December, 1943 and is still in its committal stage. It is expected that the trial in the Sessions may last about two or even three months. We should think that the conduct of the Defence in a case of such dimensions is really beyond the competence of any individual effort. On behalf of the accused, we believe in the innocence of many of them of the offences they are charged with. At any rate, it is the fundamental canon of British Criminal Jurisprudence that a person accused of any offence is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is proved. It is, therefore, a mere humanitarian effort on our part to organise such defence as will save the innocent from being subjected to unmerited punishment. We, therefore, approach you with this appeal to contribute your mite for the successful conduct of this case.

Contributions to the Defence Fund may kindly be sent in the name of the Treasurer or the Secretary to the Committee's Office at Calicut."

WHEN "C. R." WOULD HAVE BEEN A GREATER MAN

MADRAS, Feb. 6.—"If I had only learnt commercial subjects I would have become a greater man," observed "C.R." while presiding over the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Mylapore Commercial Institute.

He emphasised the importance of commercial education and explained the necessity of a good knowledge of English among shorthand writers. He also suggested the starting of institutions for efficient teaching of shorthand in Indian languages.—O.P.

The Half-Column

By "Dim"

One of the most praiseworthy ordinances passed by Government is the one regarding restriction of meals to three courses. This ordinance was long overdue and it will not only help to solve the food problem, but the HEALTH problem as well. Perhaps Government should have worded it stronger in case of individuals and private houses. Very often the damage to one's digestion is done in the home where a parental hospitality is difficult to digest.

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The following letter speaks for itself:—

Arthur Road, Bombay.
7th February, 1944.

Dear Dim,

I have been the Treasurer of the YUSUFALI CLUB from its inception when the post was put up to auction, and in any case Sir Victor Sassoon would not be eligible as a member as he has not been in jail.

Your application for membership will, I am afraid, not be in order as it is understood that you have never been in jail UNDER YOUR OWN NAME. Further there is a large waiting list as the Club is limited to 40 members. However, your obvious sympathy may result in your being elected as an Honorary Stand Member which entitles you to offer suitable liquid refreshments (not ersatz) to full members.

Yours fraternally,
A. S. WINDLER.

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The thermometer outside the Bank of India is rising every day. It stands at over Rs. 20 lacs already—which is very encouraging. Meanwhile, inquiries made regarding the progress of the 10,000 crore plan reveal that no further sum has been received after Rs. 20

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, Feb 7.

SHARES: After considerable speculative activity, the local Share Bazar opened quietly steady and with a moderate turnover quotations were maintained The recent rise in some speculative counters supported by powerful investors in the face of the Budget, makes the market position somewhat shaky. Recently there had been considerable short covering and a fair amount of long interest is built near about the top. Thus the technical position will not favour continuation of the upward trend without a good shake-out. The market opened late. Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs 2,155 and advanced to Rs. 2,164. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 430 and hardened to Rs. 432. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs 2,170 and Century Mill Shares were done at Rs. 1,195. Kohinoors opened at Rs. 750 and after improving to Rs 759. Steadied at Rs. 755. Tone was steady.

Later on the market began reckless moves in Century and Kohinoors with violent fluctuations unseen for a long time. Bears were frightened and there was bidding of prices. The market has now plunged into dangerous move and it will be advisable to liquidate holdings.

BULLION: On Saturday London markets were closed and American advices were unchanged The local market opened very steady but there was moderate profit taking which resulted in a steady decline in Silver quotations. Trading commenced for Silver delivery at Rs. 121-6 and the market was waiting for any important buying. There was absence of any important buying and under growing realising prices declined to Rs 120-14-6 Gold was also quoted at Rs. 70-14-6.

Later on there was renewed buying in silver and prices improved. Quotations. Ready silver Rs. 125/2, delivery Rs. 121/10. Ready gold Rs. 71/1, delivery Rs. 70/15. Sovereigns Rs. 49/3

COTTON: The local market was very steady with improved buying. It appears that those operators who influenced the upward move in January option were taking more interest. Moreover as compared with other city markets cotton was featureless and kept on sagging. Thus buyers were tempted to take advantage of lower prices to frighten bears. The market looks like improving on technical grounds but indications do not favour and sustained advance Professional operators pushed up March delivery to Rs. 473-8 after opening at Rs 469.

Prices improved further to Rs. 474/12 on persistent buying but later reacted to Rs. 473 on realising. The market was steady and closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. Mar. ..... Rs. 475 8 0
I.C.C. May ..... Rs. 471 12 0
I.C.C. July ..... Rs. 476 0 0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES.
Bombay Feb 5.

I C C March highest 471, lowest 468/8, closing 468/12. I C C May highest 469/4 lowest 467, closing 467/8. I C C July highest 473 lowest 471/4 closing 471/8.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton March Contract is below New York March 227 cent points at Exchange Rate 331

COTTON FIGURES.

Estimated Mill consumption from Sept to 3 Feb. 600,411 bales. Same period last year 562,452 bales. Estimated Stock bales 10,99,962 against 12,85,930 last year this time.

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READY COTTON QUOTATIONS.
Bombay, Feb. 7.

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Berar Jarilla ready old 355/370; new 455/75

289F. Roller ready old 530/590; new 650/75; Feb. 652/67

N.T. Roller ready old 510/530; new 625/30; Feb. 620/30

289F. Saw-ginned ready old 590/620; new 740/45

NEW YORK COTTON REVIEW

Prices persistently advanced on active trade covering and mill buying of nears spurred by the approach of the first delivery day for March contracts and the prospective purchase of 332,000 bales by Government for lend and lease Spinners and shippers also stepped up buying of actuals in advance of the deadline of February 7th for purchase by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation

Interior points have reported that offerings by producers were light and sales were made only when buyers were willing to pay prices above the loan level. It is reported that the movement to the loan was again in substantial proportions despite the steady upturn of prices since the beginning of the year The continuing rise of parities suggests that parity may reach 21.50 cents per pound by August 1st resulting in a high loan rate for the 1944 crop. Trading in cotton goods was confined to a minimum by the advance of raws and expectations of further changes in Government regulations covering production and distribution All irregularly higher market is anticipated.

Spanish Educationist Criticises Indian System

BOMBAY, Monday.

A Spanish Educationist Rev Fr. Carlos Suria, addressing a gathering in literary Gujarati, at the J. J. Mody Hall to-day dwelt on the drawbacks of the present-day education and said that Universities in India disseminated education only with the aim of enabling students to face examination. Most of the educational institutions did not possess the sort of atmosphere where students could imbibe genuine culture and get the equipment needed for service of the country. Father Suria criticised the tendency in educational institutions to force students into learning lessons by rote.

Referring to the University of Bombay, Father Suria said that though the University had raised the standard of education in the province it had given a secondary place to Gujarati with the result that Gujarat was clamouring for a separate University. There was need, he said for a regular development of Gujarati literature.

Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri appreciated the speech of Father Suria, coming as it did from a foreigner. About the Bombay University he said that the area to be covered by the University was so large that it had its own difficulties. The University had tried its best to improve the Gujarati literature in its own way. It would continue its efforts in future.

Journalists To Meet Ram Gopal

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DIRECTOR,
Veterinary Services, Punjab,
Lahore.
(7724)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

Hydraulic Engineer's Department.

TENDERS accompanied with a deposit of Rs. 1,000|- for the supply of 50 tons of Pure Alum are invited and will be received upto 1 p. m. (Bombay Time) on the 23rd day of February, 1944.

Tenders should be enclosed in a sealed envelope superscribed "Tenders for the supply of Pure Alum required by the Hydraulic Engineer's Department" and addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay.

Forms of tenders, specifications, etc. will be issued on payment of Rs. 2|- to any one deputed to receive them by the Undersigned who will on application give any further information that may be required.

E. A. NADIRSHAH,
Hydraulic Engineer.
Hydraulic Engineer's Office,
Improvement Trust Building,
Napier Road, Fort,
Bombay, 7-2-1944.
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RAILWAY CLEARING ACCOUNTS OFFICE

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Retired Railway Employees from Accounts and Traffic Branches for re-employment against clerical posts on terms and conditions contained in Railway Board's letter No. E-41WA272|2 dated 2-10-41.

P. D. PANDE,
Director.
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The Osmanshahi Mills, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 159, Gunfoundry Road, Hyderabad Deccan, on TUESDAY, the 29th February, 1944, corresponding to 27th Farwardi, 1353, Fasli at 4-0 p. m. to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th Aban, 1352 F. (6th October 1943).
2. To declare a Dividend and Bonus.
3. To appoint Directors in place of those who retire from the Board under Articles 93 and 101 of the Company's Articles of Association, but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.
6. The Transfer Books of the Company, as notified in the Press, will be closed from the 18th February 1944 to the 29th February 1944, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. S. TYABJEE,
Managing Agent,
For the Industrial Trust Fund,
H.E.H. the Nizam's Government, Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents.

D|22nd January, 1944

N.B.—The Dividend and Bonus, when sanctioned, will be made payable on and after the 15th March, 1944, to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on the 17th February 1944, and Warrants will be posted to each Shareholder to his last given address.
(7735)

THE SUPREME MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Head Office of this Company has been removed from Hassan Chambers, Parsee Bazar Street, Bombay to 7, Nagesh Peth Poona City, with effect from the 1st February, 1944, as the old premises of the Company at Bombay have been requisitioned by the Government for War-Offices. Policy holders and agents and others concerned are requested to note this change.

By order of the Board of Directors.
V. N. MYSORE,
Manager.
Dated 2nd February '44.
7, Nagesh Peth, Poona City.
(7744)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificates for 50 shares from Nos. 18987 to 19036 of the Universal Fire and General Insurance Co., Ltd., Bombay, standing in the name of Mr. Shah Ratilal Manilal have either been LOST or MISLAID.

He has applied to the Company to issue duplicate share certificates thereof.

The public are hereby warned against purchasing or dealing with the said shares in any way but those who have any title or claim to these shares should apply to the company direct within 15 days from this date. after which no claim will be considered.

(Sd.) KANCHANLAL VARAJDAS,
General Manager,
The Universal Fire & General Insurance Co., Ltd. Fort, Bombay.
Dated 8th February, 1944.
(7737)

G.I.P. RLY. TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of scrap timber available at the Carriage and Wagon and Electrical Stores Depot, Matunga, Bombay. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Re. 1.- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or Cash only. Closing date 18-2-1944 at 3 P.M. (S.T.)
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BASE ACCOUNTANT OFFICER.
Royal Indian Navy Office,
Vithal House, Mint Road,
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THE INDIAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of Rules 13 and 15 of the Insurance Rules, 1939, read with Section 48 of the Insurance Act. 1933, a Meeting of the Policyholders of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, "Ilaco House", Victoria Road, Karachi on Saturday the 20th day of May, 1944 at 5-30 P.M., for the purpose of electing the two Policyholders' Directors of the Company.

Every Policyholder, who desires to attend the Meeting must apply to the Company for a Certificate of Admission, such application to reach the Company not later than 20th March, 1944, and the Company on being satisfied that the applicant holds a policy of life insurance issued by the Company not less than six months before 20th May 1944 will issue a Certificate not later than 20th April, 1944. Such Certificate will, if applied for by post, be sent only to the address of the Policyholder, or if applied for in person, be delivered only on production of the relevant policy. A certificate of Admission shall not be transferable, and no person other than those whose presence in the opinion of the Chairman is necessary for the conduct of the Meeting shall be admitted to the Meeting unless he produces the Certificate of Admission granted to him by the Company as aforesaid.

A person is eligible for election as a Policyholders' Director of the Company, if he holds, otherwise than as an assignee one or more policies of life insurance issued by the Company and satisfying both the following requirements namely:—

(a) the policies shall insure a total sum, including any bonuses that may have attached to them before the date of election, of not less than Rs. 3,000; and
(b) the policies held in compliance with clause (a) shall have been in force for not less than three years;

Provided that the assignment of the policies to the person who took out the policies shall not disqualify that person for being eligible for election as a Policyholders' Director.

Applications are invited from eligible persons prepared to accept Office as Policyholders' Directors. Such applications must be sent by registered post to the Head Office of the Company, "Ilaco House', Victoria Road, Sadar, Karachi so as to reach it not later than 20th March, 1944, and must be made in the English language or in a principal language of the Province of Sind, and must give the applicant's name and address and the numbers of and amounts of the sums insured by the policies by virtue of which he claims to be eligible for election.

By Order of the Board,
A. R. D'ABREO,
Secretary.
Karachi, 29th January, 1944.
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Suit No. 95 of 1944

ABUBAKAR HAJI JANMAHOMED CHHOTANI, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant, residing at Chhotani Mansion Proctor Road, without the Fort of Bombay .... Plaintiff

v|s

(1) OSMAN MIYA MAHOMED CHHOTANI, President of the Chhotani Halai Memon Jamat of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant, residing at Noor House, Club Back Road, Byculla, without the Fort of Bombay. (2) MAHOMED USUF AYUB, the Honorary Secretary of the Chhotani Halai Memon Jamat of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant, residing at Jackeria Street, without the Fort of Bombay, on behalf of themselves and all other members of the Chhotani Halai Memon Jamat of Bombay, and (3) IBRAHIM GANI, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant, carrying on business at Victoria Road, Byculla, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Defendants.

To
The Members of the Chhotani Halai Memon Jamat,

PURSUANT to the order made herein by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla on the 21st day of January, 1944, notice is hereby given under Order 1, Rule 8, of the Code of Civil Procedure that this suit has been filed by the plaintiff against the 1st and 2nd defendants abovenamed for themselves and all other members of the Chhotani Halai, Memon Jamat for the following reliefs:—

(a) That the defendants 1 and 2 for themselves and on behalf of other members of the Chhotani Halai Memon Jamat of Bombay and out of the assets and estate of the said Jamat may be ordered and decreed to pay to the plaintiff Rs. 1,357-10-0.
(b) That the defendants Nos. 1 and 2 in a like capacity and out of the assets and estate of the said Jamat may be ordered and decreed to pay to the plaintiff and|or 3rd defendant or to bring in Court Rs. 1,775|- for satisfaction of decree in suit No. 656 of 1943 and to pay to the plaintiff the costs of the suit

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing of this suit has been fixed for the 29th day of February, 1944.

Dated this 4th day of February, 1944.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) G. G. MAHADEVIA,
for Prothonotary & Senior Master.
(Sd.)
K. K. DASTUR,

This 4th day of February, 1944.
Messrs. GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Attorneys for the Plaintiff.
(7741)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

Mr. JAFFEALLI GULAM HUSSEIN PADAMSEE, of Bombay has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

Any person making claim of any sort against the said property is requested to notify the same to us within 14 days: in default the claim, if any, will be deemed to have been waived and the sale completed.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Leasehold land situate at SOPARI BAUG ROAD BEING PLOT NO. 5 of the Lal Baug Estate of Improvement Trust together with the buildings standing thereon known as "PADAMSI MANSION", admeasuring about 548 square yards or thereabouts and bearing New Survey No. 2567 (part) and Cadastral Survey No. 74 of Parel-Sewri Division bearing F. Ward No. 544 (1) Street Nos. 407-13, Sopari Baug Road.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1944.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
Lentin Chambers,
Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.
(7743)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SADASHIV JANOO, Receiver in Suit No. 214 of 1941 (Bhikubhai vs. Sadashiv) of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. ALL PERSONS having any claim against or to the said property by sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Dean Lane, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Quit and Ground rent tenure land or ground together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Kamathipura 14th Street, outside the Fort and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, admeasuring 84 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Nos. 11064 and 11065, New Survey Nos. 1-2|6501 and Cadastral Survey No. 344 of Byculla Division and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under "E" Ward No. 2104, Street No. 14 and bounded as follows:—That is to say, on the East by the property of Manekbai, on the West by the property of Rajummabai, on the North by Sweeper's passage, on the South by Kamathipura 14th Street.

Bombay, dated this 5th day of February, 1944.

CHANDRASEN & CO.,
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